

Campsite occupancy... Campsites must be occupied the first night and cannot be unoccupied for more than 24 hours. "Saving" campsites is not permitted.

Group Camps... Family reunions, company retreats, and scouting troops are just a few examples of the types of users who make reservations at group campgrounds. These campgrounds have many of the same features offered at Forest Service family campgrounds but your group is assured exclusive use of the group camp. For reservations call 1-800-280-CAMP.

Season... Most Forest Service Campgrounds are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A few remain open all year. During the winter months, most water systems are shut down; however, restroom facilities are available. The operating season for commercial campgrounds vary.

Reservations... Group Campgrounds and selected family campground reservations are made through National Forest Reservation System at 1-800-280-CAMP.

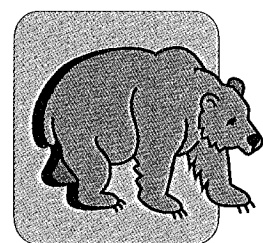
Some public campgrounds in the Shasta Lake area are on a first come, first served basis. Commercial campgrounds vary in season of operation.

Length of stay... The limit of stay at campgrounds is either 7 or 14 days, as posted at the campground entrance. Beach area use is limited to 14 days per year. Houseboats without Forest Service permits are limited to 30 days per year. Picnic areas are open between 6:00am and 10:00pm.

Campfire permits... are required during the fire season (usually May through October) when using hibachis, barbecues or campfires on the shoreline, or on board when the boat is touching the shoreline. Campfire permits are not required for stoves, ranges, or lighting devices built into the vessel, nor are they required for campfires in developed camp-grounds. Free campfire permits are available at any Forest Service Office.

Some Things To Know

Firewood... The gathering of dead wood for campfires is allowed. No permit is necessary.



Bear Precautions... The Shasta Unit IS bear country! Potential for encounters with bears can be reduced if visitors follow some very specific do's and don'ts. A brochure called "When You Meet A Bear" explains what they are and can be obtained at the Shasta Lake Visitor Information Center, or from a Camphost. Remember... "A fed bear is a dead bear" if it becomes a nuisance.

Boat Permits... Any boat designed or converted for overnight occupancy requires a houseboat permit from the Forest Service.

Law Enforcement... The Shasta County Sheriff's Department works closely with the Forest Service in enforcing local laws and the California Boating Law. If you need assistance, contact the Sheriff's Patrol or any Forest Service employee. Uniformed Forest Service personnel are Federal Officers authorized to enforce Forest Service regulations.

Garbage... Receptacles are located at campgrounds, picnic areas, and boat ramps. Garbage is not collected at undeveloped sites. Please pack it out to the nearest container. Do not bury or dispose of trash at floating restrooms.

Pets... Pets must be on a leash or under restraint in campgrounds, picnic areas, and at boat ramps.

Campground Reconstruction... Occasionally camps are closed for repairs and replacement. This is part of an on-going program to upgrade the facilities at Shasta Lake.

Motor Vehicles... Motorized vehicles must stay on established roads. Off-road travel is prohibited except in designated and signed areas.

Fireworks... Fireworks are prohibited!

Firearms... Firearms may not be discharged within 150 yards of residences, buildings, campsites or developed recreation sites or across roads or bodies of water.

Shasta Lake Statistics...

- Shoreline.....370 miles
- Surface Area..... 30,000 acres
- Storage Capacity.....4,550,000 acre feet
- Dam Height.....602 feet
- Greatest Depth.....517 feet
- Total Drainage Area.....4,110,000 acres
- Average Annual Flow.....6.2 million acre feet
- Spillway elevation..... 1,067 feet

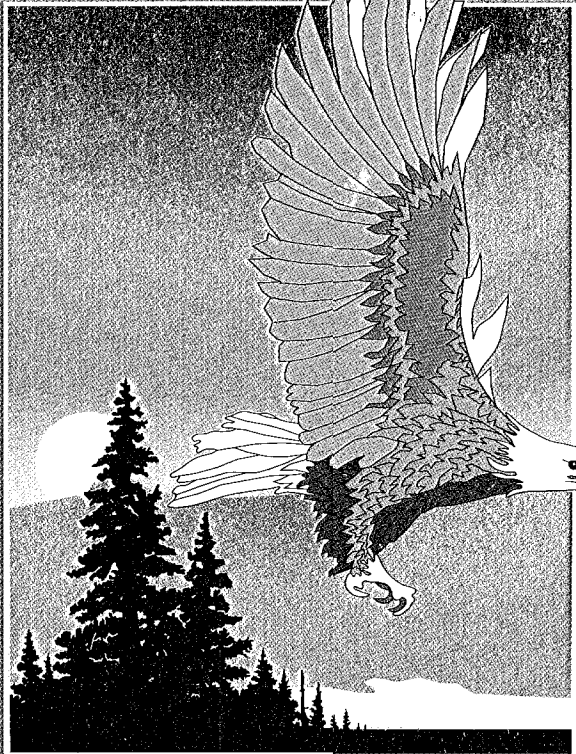
Visitor Information...

The Visitor Information Centers at the following locations provide maps, brochures, exhibits, camp-fire permits, and general information:

- Shasta Lake Visitor Information Center Mountain Gate/Wonderland Boulevard exit from Interstate 5. Call (530) 275-1589
- Shasta Dam Visitor Information Center Located at Shasta Dam. Take Shasta Dam Boulevard exit from Interstate 5. Call (530) 275-4463

SHASTA UNIT
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity
National Recreation Area

Shasta-Trinity National Forests
Shasta Lake Ranger District



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Boating Safety... Please obey the following
guidelines for your safety and that of others.

- Do's...
- Obey posted speed limits.
 - Use a spotter when skiing.
 - Display a red flag when skiers are in the water.
 - Have life preservers for everyone in the boat. Children and nonswimmers should wear them at all times.
 - Always be on a lookout for other boaters and obstacles.
 - Moor boats securely.

- Don't...
- Ride on the bow of a boat.
 - Move or destroy obstacle buoys. They mark potentially dangerous submerged obstacles.
 - Water-ski within 200 feet of swimmers.
 - Drink alcoholic beverages while operating a watercraft.

- Cautions...
- Water level fluctuations. The water level of Shasta Lake can fluctuate as much as two or three feet per day during times of heavy rains.
 - Debris. Watch for unmarked obstacles and floating debris following storms; the annual spring runoff or during periods of low water.

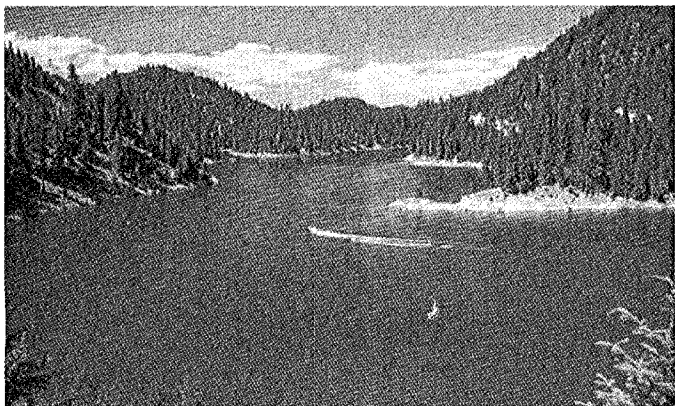
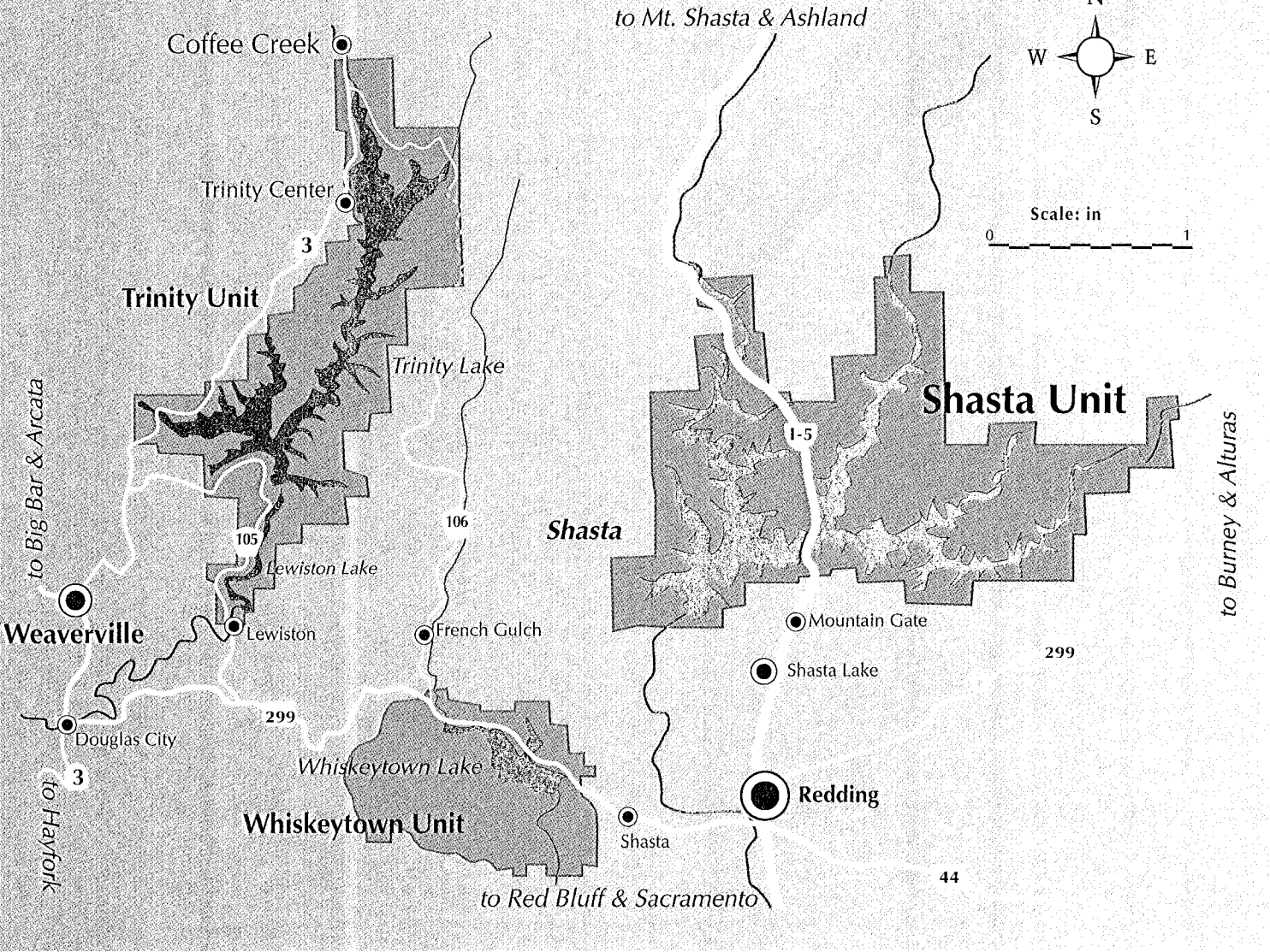
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Telephones are located at most commercial, or privately owned, resorts and marinas, and at Forest Service stations.

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Vicinity Map
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area



boating on Shasta Lake

Welcome to the Shasta Unit...

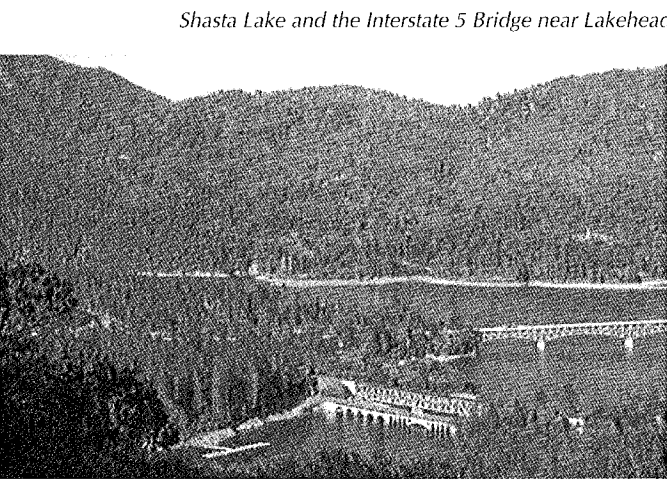
The Shasta Unit is one of three units that comprise the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area. It was established by Congress in 1965. These areas were recognized for their unique and varied recreation potential.

Shasta Lake forms the core of the Shasta Unit and offers recreationists a variety of outdoor activities including: boating, water-skiing, swimming, fishing, camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting, and mountain biking.

The Shasta and Trinity Units are located in the Shasta-Trinity National Forests and are administered by the USDA Forest Service. Whiskeytown Lake is administered by the National Park Service.

More than meets the eye...

Shasta Lake, "Keystone" of the Central Valley Project, is the largest man made reservoir in California. When full, its 370 mile shoreline exceeds that of San Francisco Bay. Shasta Dam is the second largest, and the tallest, concrete dam in the United States. It was constructed between 1935 and 1945. The lake was filled in 1948.



Shasta Lake and the Interstate 5 Bridge near Lakehead

The construction of Shasta Dam impounded three major north state rivers: the Pit, McCloud, and Sacramento (Referred to as arms, each one retains its own character, environment, history, and recreation opportunities).

People who have never been to Shasta Lake may get the impression that they are seeing several lakes as they pass by on Interstate 5. In a way, there really are more lakes than one.

The rugged country, ragged shoreline, and sheer size of Shasta Lake tends to break the lake into different areas, each with its own opportunities, moods, and settings.

Parasailing on Shasta Lake



Things to do and see around the lake...

Shasta Lake is one of the dominant features in Northern California. Visitors along Interstate 5 can see the lake from Antlers Bridge, O'Brien Rest Area, and the Pit River Bridge. The three Shastas... Shasta Dam, Shasta Lake, and Mt. Shasta, can be seen from the Shasta Dam Vista Point.

Shasta Dam Tour... The Bureau of Reclamation operates Shasta Dam to provide a variety of services including; irrigation, power, flood control, and recreation. For more information about the Visitor's Center hours, and guided tours, call 916-275-4463.



Wildlife Viewing... Shasta Lake is home to the largest nesting population of bald eagles on one reservoir in the State of California. There are numerous sites along the shoreline as well as out on the lake to view these magnificent birds. Bald eagles are sensitive during their breeding season, which occurs between January and the end of July. You can help protect our National Symbol by obeying posted signs and protection zones. Please help us manage our eagles by enjoying them from a distance. Packers Bay is a prime location to view a wide variety of wildlife including bald eagles, ospreys, and migratory birds.

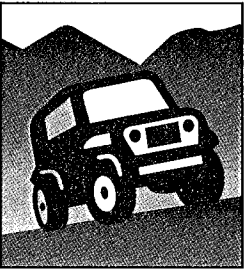
Water-skiing... Popular everywhere on the lake, the Sacramento Arm is particularly favored. The water is generally calm and ideally suited to this sport. Skiers should always use caution in the Pit Arm where snags have not been removed, and around floating debris. Water-skiing is prohibited in some of the smaller coves and bays; these areas are posted with buoys.



Fishing... Everyone has a favorite "hole." The Jones Valley area provides the best access to the Pit and Squaw Arms, considered by many to provide the best overall fishing. Other popular spots are located where the major rivers and streams empty into the lake, such as McCloud Bridge on the McCloud Arm, and the Lakehead area on the Sacramento Arm.

Spelunking... Samwel Cave opens out from a precipitous limestone crag overlooking a northern portion of Shasta Lake. It provides a unique and rewarding experience to its visitors. A special visitor permit is required to enter the cave. The entrance to the cave is behind a locked gate. The key and permit can be obtained at the Shasta Lake Visitor Information Center.

Shasta Caverns Tour... The caverns began forming over 250 million years ago in the massive limestone of the Gray Rocks visible from Interstate 5. Shasta Caverns are located off the Shasta Cavern / O'Brien Exit. The caverns are privately owned and tours are offered year round. For schedules and information call (916) 238-2341.



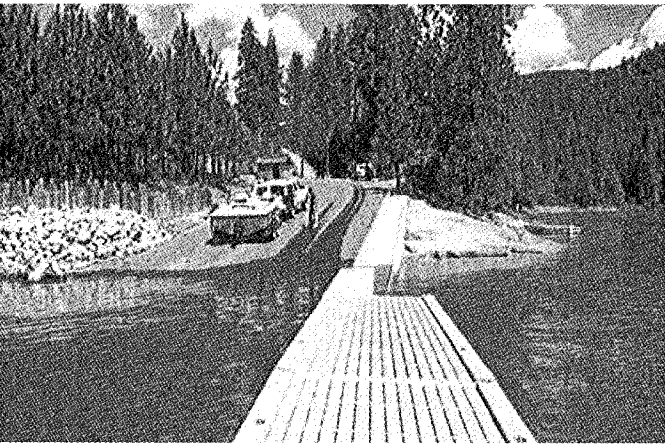
Off Highway Vehicles... Located east of Shasta Dam is the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. It offers the adventurous trails and roads for off-road riding. There is a campground and staging area to provide access and services to riders.

Swimming... Shasta Lake has no developed swimming areas. However, some of the resorts do have pools. Many people swim from the shore near their campgrounds or from boats. During the summer, the water is comfortably warm, but visitors are urged to avoid areas with heavy boat traffic. Swimming is prohibited at boat ramps.

Picnicking... Picnic facilities are available at Fisherman's Point, near Shasta Dam; Bailey Cove; and Dekkas Rock. Day use areas have tables, stoves, trash and restroom facilities. These areas are closed to overnight camping.

Hiking... The trails at Jones Valley, Packers Bay, Bailey Cove, Shasta Dam, and Hirz Bay provide moderate hiking and good access to shoreline fishing, oak woodlands, and occasional secluded creeks or vistas. Since the summer days are often hot and dry, be sure to carry water. Better still, hike trails when the weather is cool. Hiking trails are generally open all year.

Boating... With 11 commercial marinas on Shasta Lake, there is a wide range of boating opportunities. Houseboats, jet skis, patio boats, canoes, paddle boats, and fishing boats are all available for rent at these marinas.



Hirz Bay Boat Ramp

The Forest Service maintains 7 public ramps with parking areas, which provide access to most areas around the lake. Bailey Cove, Centimudi, and Jones Valley Ramps are often congested on summer weekends. Packers Bay, Antlers, and Hirz Bay are recommended alternatives during periods of heavy use. Low water ramps are located at Jones Valley, Sugarloaf, and Centimudi. Additional launching facilities are available at the marinas. Fees are required at all boat launching facilities.

Campground and Camping Information

There is a broad spectrum of camping facilities, ranging from the primitive to the luxurious. At the upper end of the scale, there are 11 marinas and a number of resorts offering rental cabins, motel type accommodations, and RV parks and campgrounds with electric hook ups, swimming pools and showers. A Commercial Services brochure provides additional information about facilities and services offered at private resorts and is available at the Shasta Lake Visitor Information Center.

For the more independent visitor, the Forest Service offers 13 family campgrounds. Most campgrounds have piped water, some have flush toilets but the majority have vault toilets, tables, and stoves. Showers, electric hookups and RV dump services are not available at Forest Service Campgrounds.

Boat Access Camps... The Forest Service operates four campgrounds on Shasta Lake which are accessible only by boat. Situated in the more remote areas of the lake, these camps offer a unique camping experience away from the headlights and traffic. These camps have tables, stoves and vault toilet facilities. Users are advised to bring their own water or to boil any surface water for at least 5 minutes. Please pack out your trash.

Dispersed Area Camping... Shasta Lake is one of the few in California where visitors can camp along the shore. Some areas are "restricted" such as a bald eagle nesting site, but even so there are several hundred miles where shoreline camping is permitted.

To assure that the privilege of camping along the shoreline is not lost, help keep the area clean. Pack it in, Pack it out! Please dispose of trash at the boat ramps, and do not leave it at the floating restrooms.

Beehive, Gregory Beach, Jones Valley Inlet and Mariners Point areas offer campers vehicle access to the shoreline of Shasta lake. These areas are generally open year round. Chemical toilet facilities, trash services, and fees are discontinued during the off season.

Fees... Most Forest Service campgrounds and all commercial campgrounds charge a fee. There is no fee for boat access campgrounds.

Holders of *Golden Age* and *Golden Access Pass -ports* are entitled to a 50% discount of the posted fee at Forest Service facilities. These passports are available at Ranger Stations and visitor information centers. Persons over 62 years old or permanently disabled are eligible for these passports. There is a fee for *Golden Age* passports.

